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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, WA

SUBJ: NAMIBIA: KATUTURA VIOLENCE CHARGES DROPPED

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 468

(B) PRETORIA 1614

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SWA DROPPED CHARGES MAY 29 AGAINST ALL BLACKS ARRESTED FOLLOWING APRIL 23 VIOLENCE IN WINDHOEK'S BLACK TOWNSHIP OF KATATURA (REF A). OF EIGHTY OVAMBO MEN ORIGINALLY ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH COMMITTING PUBLIC VIOLENCE, FIFTY-NINE WERE RELEASED SHORTLY AFTER PRELIMINARY HEARING IN LATE APRIL (REF B), AND REMAINING TWENTY-ONE WERE RELEASED BY PRESIDING MAGISTRATE WHEN INFORMED OF STATE'S DECISION.

2. ATTORNEY GENERAL J.E. NOTHLING, WHEN QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS  
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ABOUT DECISION, SAID "I HAVE DECIDED THAT THE MATTER BE STRUCK

FROM THE ROLL. I HAD CONSIDERED ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND ASPECTS VERY CAREFULLY AND WANT TO STATE NO FURTHER REASON FOR THIS ACTION".

END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. DEFENSE ATTORNEY ACTING FOR SOME OF THOSE ACCUSED TOLD EMBOFF THAT STATE MOVE WAS "COMPLETE SURPRISE." HE SAID HE FELT CASE DROPPED TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT FOR GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM FURTHER ELABORATION AND EXPOSURE OF DEFENSE AFFIDAVITS ALLEGING THAT POLICE ACTIONS CAUSED CLASH WHICH LEFT ONE DEAD AND SEVERAL WOUNDED.

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